

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Weds., May 10, 2017, 7:30PM, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall
In Attendance: Tim Letiure (Tree Warden), Eric, Eliza, Mara, Mary Ellen,, Ed >>>>>> guest Joane

1. Approve A

2. April meeting minutes - approved

3. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)

- Arbor Day recap; planted 3 dogwood trees at Thompson Elementary. Elk volunteers showed up to support their grant for the Arbor Day planting today and going forward. Bought some shovels and watering cans for kids too. Mara took photosⁱ Pruned trees in Jefferson House by ??name?/ of co.
- Spring street tree planting (and at parks): trees came in last week, heeled in. Medford main gate , behind office is a 2 cr garage. 100 bare root trees. This week they are pulling stumps, 8 ball burlap trees were planted Scanner Field, Orvis Road island for one. Que of trees is all caught up if they fill all of them with the 100 trees. Next Monday starting planting.....by DPW. Open Tree Map update neededⁱⁱ
- Tree Preservation Bylaw - impacts on DPW, interactions with Building Dept. two projects are being viewed (Wright and Paul Revere),
- Tree hearing(s): on 5/8: 282 Gray street tree because of putting in sidewalk. Tree Hearing, no one showed up to protest at the hearing, so it's coming down . Funds coming out of hwy fund (5 2" or 6 1.24" new trees in the replacement). Gator Bags will be put on them. 5/22, 472 Beacon Street, tear down and move a tree to put in a driveway. Norway Maple – Mara is going to object 5/22 at 10am 51 Grove Street in the Assembly Hall (down stairs from the entrenece door).
- Grant submission update (Tim, and ATC subcommittee)
 - A. Intern hiring – Tim heard that there is a good candidate. Rick Harper (UMass Professor) Tim contacted for the work. Joan Roman will change email address that was wrong on the job announcement. So, follow up is happening (Mara, Tim)
 - B. OpenTreeMap software and hardware purchases
 - C. Coordination with Town (GIS, Inventory reporting) – pre inventory work – with Intern, Tim will coordinate
- Tree tour with Garden Club – 24th of May Town Hall and Library garden at 4pm. Tim will look,
- In front of Town Hall leaks have been identified. Trees are going to be replaced. National Grid is paying for the Mass Ave trees, ?? on who is paying for the garden trees. Tim notified Patsy Kramer , if you smell gas, National Grid will be paying attention and be there within the hour.
- Eliz brought up, who is paying for garden replanting, MacErecher funds maybe? Tim suggested to talk to Patsy Kramer.
- Tree City USA Annual Conference event, details, ATC involvement – Wednesday June 7th. Event date. Molly F. Amhurst, Action Forester. Tree Committee members to attend: 3 spots per Town were allotted. John and Tim doing 30

minute presentation on tree program. 1. How are things done in Arlington. Crew, backlog crew, resident connections, planting program (Q/A); door hangers, watering tags, bags; ; Tree Preservation Bylaw, Community Tree Canopy Program; Arbor Day happenings; (10 – 15 minutes Tim, John 10) ; Professors, Tree Wardens, ForestsSend stuff to John (photosⁱⁱⁱ, etc)

- Tim's video from ACMI is posted. ^{iv}

4. Community Tree Canopy Program with MacEachern funds (John)

- Followup publicity (FB, Town, Advocate, etc)
- Next Program? Target areas: (East Arlington, Town Hall Park, ??)
 - 10 places visited by Mara, 1 tree was not planted yet. (Susan is checking all 25 trees).
 - Checking in email, to residents about planting. (Eliza is going to send me an email to send to the group. In it, we'll have a sentence that Susan will be riding around visiting).
 - NorthEast Nurseries follow up – John did. We should discuss running the program again. (readdress in June meeting, after we see how the inventory).
 - About ~ 6 people called Tim about dogwoods. One check was sent to DPW. So there was some interruptions.

5. Publicity

- Follow up on Arbor Day Facebook, Googlegroups
- Advocate article (tree planting efforts, Bylaw, ??)

6. New Business

- New members - Town advertisement, Advocate advertisement
- Tshirts and business cards^v
- Correspondence
- New Business: - Susan say on the Grant announcement that there is a Heritage Tree program initiative^{vi} ,.

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, June 14.

ⁱ Mara post photos for public view –

ⁱⁱ John to add list of trees planted in the Spring to Open Tree Map. Tim will give John the addresses when planting is final.

ⁱⁱⁱ Committee to send photos (Mara, Eliza, MEA, others), Bylaw flyer perhaps or photos, anything to help support the 30 minute talk (handouts, ppt slides, photos, props)

^{iv} Tim will send a link to Mary Ellen

^v Eric will look into his contact in Lexington for tshirts. Tim will ask Mike if there is some money to pay for shirts. Mary Ellen will look into where to get business cards, or ask Sally who ordered them last.

^{vi} Susan will look into it and see if that is something we could become interested in for any Arlington trees